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**Proclaiming National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

Women account for 24 percent of all HIV diagnoses in the United States and nearly 280,000 women in the U.S. are now living with HIV/AIDS. In Los Angeles County, approximately 5,000 women and girls (out of 59,500 people) are infected with HIV or diagnosed with AIDS. Women of color are disproportionately affected with the illness and they accounted for two-thirds (64%) of new AIDS diagnoses among women in 2010. African American women alone, accounted for 40% of the new HIV infections in Los Angeles County in 2010.

Each year, the Office of Women's Health (OWH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services proclaims March 10 as *National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*. In an effort to educate individuals about the risks that HIV/AIDS poses to women and girls, OWH urges organizations and individuals around the nation to raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS upon women and girls during the entire

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month of March. This year's theme is to "Share Knowledge. Take Action". In order to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS, individuals are encouraged to get tested, take medications as directed, educate friends, hold a screening event, spread the word through social media, have meaningful conversations with family members, etc.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** proclaim March 10, 2013 as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Los Angeles County and encourages all Los Angeles County residents to educate themselves and others about the impact that HIV/AIDS has on women and girls.

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